



FY 2025 EDA Disaster Supplemental

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Help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects in areas where a Presidential Declaration of a major disaster was issued.

FUNDING: \$1,447,000,000

Presidential Declaration

**Robert F. Stafford Disaster Relief and
Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121
et seq.) “Stafford Act”**

**Declaration of a major disaster as a result of
hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms and
flooding, tornadoes, and other natural
disasters occurring in calendar years 2023
and 2024.**



Presidential Declared Disasters

- **D-4705**: Texas Severe Winter Storm
 - Incident Period: 01/30/23 to 02/02/23
 - Declaration Date: 04/21/23
 - **Comal, Gillespie, Kendall, and Kerr**
- **D-4781**: Texas Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding
 - Incident Period: 04/26/24 to 06/05/24
 - Declaration Date: 05/17/24
 - **Guadalupe**

Eligible Applicants in Counties Listed



Economic Development District

AACOG is an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD)



State, county, city, or other political subdivisions of a state

Includes a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions



Institution of Higher Education

May include a consortium of institutions of higher education



Public or Private nonprofit organization or association

Must be acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision



Economic Development Organization or Public–Private Partnership for Infrastructure

3 Pathways

READINESS PATH – Standalone non-construction projects designed to increase a community's readiness to apply for or implement disaster recovery funding from private and public sources, including but not limited to, future EDA NOFOs and the Implementation or Industry Transformation Paths under this NOFO. Projects will fund strategy development, capacity building, and/or predevelopment costs necessary for future recovery projects. Funding range: \$250,000 to \$500,000.

IMPLEMENTATION PATH – Standalone construction or non-construction projects designed to address the economic challenges faced by a community recovering from a natural disaster and improve economic trajectories beyond pre-disaster economic conditions. Funding range: \$2 million to \$20 million for construction; \$100,000 to \$5 million for non-construction.

INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION PATH – Led by a coalition of regional stakeholders, a portfolio of large-scale, multicomponent construction and non-construction projects designed to fundamentally transform the economic trajectory of a region through the development or acceleration of an industry. Funding range: \$20 million to \$50 million (3 to 5 large-scale, coordinated construction and/or non-construction component projects).

Readiness Path Project Examples

- **Strategy Development**

- Short-term strategy grant focused on helping the community identify viable recovery projects for future funding
- Long-term strategy grant in the form of a planning grant to develop, update, or refine a long-term, comprehensive economic development plan

- **Capacity Building**

- Strengthen organizational structures and build a solid foundation to implement future funding and projects
- Example: Hire a disaster coordinator to lead future project development, community engagement, industry engagement, and/or implementation of future recovery projects



Readiness Path Project Examples

- **Predevelopment Costs**

- Related to the development of future disaster recovery projects
- Site selection and assessment, including for projects focused on reshoring manufacturing
- Architectural and engineering plans
- Permit applications, including environmental compliance or permitting
- Market or industry research and analysis for larger economic development projects.





Implementation Path Project Examples

Construction or Upgrading of Public Infrastructure

- Including improvements to make these facilities more resilient to natural disasters, including (but not limited to):
- Water systems and facilities (e.g., drinking water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater)
- Revitalization or expansion of aviation, port, and harbor facilities
- Bridges
- Railway spurs and extensions
- Business incubators and industrial parks
- Communications systems, including broadband



Implementation Path Project Examples

Construction or expansion of workforce training facilities at a local community college or trade/technical school

Costs associated with the establishment or expansion of workforce training programs

- Registered apprenticeship programs
- Procurement of necessary equipment

Capitalization or recapitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs)

Development or expansion of commercialization and proof of concept centers



Industry Transformation Path Project Examples

Create a regional food system within a multi-county region

- Transportation infrastructure
- Publicly-owned facility for food system or training
- Equipment for workforce training

Scaling a semiconductor manufacturing corridor

- Workforce development training program
- Installation of advanced equipment
- Development and implementation of new systems, packaging, technology for production and distribution



Application Requirements

Readiness Path

- Prioritize submitting applications as early as possible
- Provide details regarding the anticipated follow-on funding request in the Impact and Engagement Narrative
- Submit an impact and engagement narrative that clearly articulates how the proposed readiness project helps the applicant or the impacted communities become more competitive, more mature, and better prepared to receive or implement future economic and disaster recovery funding.



Application Requirements

Implementation Path

- Pre-disaster and post-disaster economic conditions
- Include measures like:
 - Jobs created, retained, or lost
 - Businesses created, retained, or lost
 - Average wages by sector or position
 - Labor Force Participation Rate
 - County GDP
 - Primary sectors, industries, and businesses
 - Unemployment rate
 - Change in tax base



Application Requirements

Industry Transformation Path

- Collaborate cohesively towards establishing or accelerating the growth of industry or industries that diversify and accelerate the region's economic trajectory
- Create effective, organized coalitions that include key regional stakeholders who are united around an overarching strategy and vision for the targeted key industry
- Have a strong management and governance plan to ensure effective implementation of the projects and to sustain their overarching strategy and vision beyond the grant period
- Coalitions must include private sector partners
- Applicants are required to secure investment and policy commitments to support and catalyze the outcomes of their proposed project(s) outcomes.



Application Requirements

- 20% match
- EDA Investment Priorities
 - Economic recovery resilience
 - Critical infrastructure
 - Workforce
 - Innovation and entrepreneurship
 - Manufacturing
- Each project funded under this Disaster NOFO must be consistent with the region's current CEDS
- Relevant FEMA Disaster Declaration
- Environmental Documentation (construction projects)



Important Dates

Grant/Project Period:

- 12 to 48 months

Application Deadline:

- Readiness Path and Implementation Path – Until funds expended
- Industry Transformation Path – 5 p.m. EST, March 3, 2026



Recommendation

READ THE NOFO



Grant Writing, Administration and Fiscal Services

- SCOPE:
 - Provide grant and fiscal administration services:
 - Reporting
 - Compliance
 - Fiscal management



Grant Writing Administration and Fiscal Services

- HOURLY RATES
 - \$100 to \$150 per hour
 - Average prep time is 15 to 20 hours for state and foundation grants
 - Average prep time is 50 to 60 hours for federal grant applications
- NEGOTIABLE



Grant Writing Administration and Fiscal Services

- Administration
 - 15% of grant amount (project amount + 15%)
 - Includes grant writing
 - Grant compliance and reporting



Thank You For Your Time

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